

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 26, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 3198.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3198) granting a pension to Edward Stanley, have considered the same and report as follows:

This soldier enlisted under the name of Lawrence Finley, May 3, 1862, as a private in Company G, Twelfth Maine Infantry Volunteers, from which he was honorably discharged June 5, 1865, by reason of expiration of his term of service. Under the name of Edward Stanley he was enrolled August 17, 1863, and mustered into service September 30, 1863, as sergeant Company H, First Louisiana Cavalry. In the latter organization he participated in the battle of Carrion Crow Bayou, Louisiana, November 3, 1863, where he was seriously wounded in the head and was left for dead on the battlefield. A day or two after the battle he was picked up on the field by a scouting party of Confederates and left at a negro cabin. He was covered with blood from head to foot, and turkey buzzards flocking around him disclosed his location to the scouting party. In a few days he made his way back to the hospital in New Orleans, La. (from which he had enlisted in the First Louisiana Cavalry), and was admitted there November 13, 1863, and treated for gunshot wound of the head.

On November 30, 1863, he left the hospital and rejoined Company G, Twelfth Maine Infantry Volunteers, and continued to serve as a private in that company until honorably discharged June 5, 1865, again assuming the name of Lawrence Finley. He was again seriously wounded in the right leg at the battle of Winchester, Va., September 19, 1864, and was pensioned for same at \$4 per month; increased to \$6 under act of March 2, 1895.

The board of examining surgeons at St. John, Kans., who examined him April 20, 1892, rated him eight-eighteenths for gunshot wound of head and eight-eighteenths for functional disease of heart.

Testimony filed with the committee show that claimant is totally disabled for the performance of manual labor, is in destitute circumstances, and is supported by the county authorities.

Your committee recommend that the title of the bill be amended so as to read "A bill granting an increase of pension to Edward Stanley," and as thus amended recommend the passage of the bill.